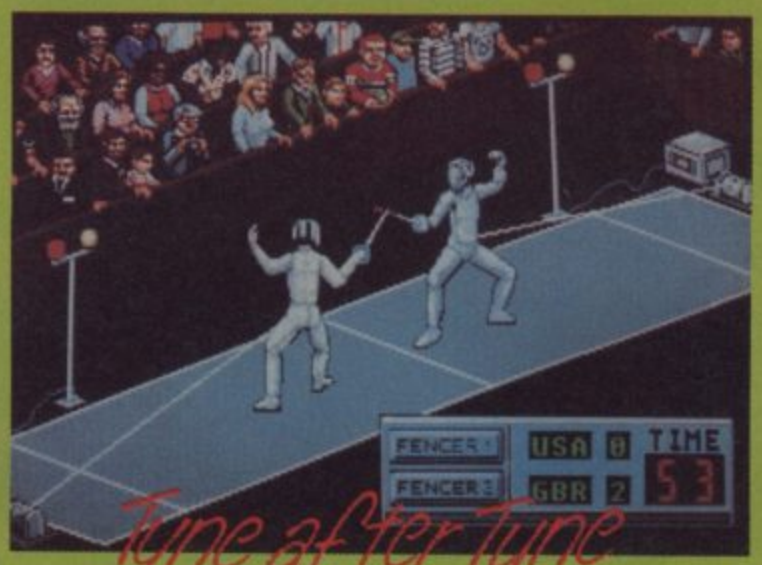
CRL's cereal

When a press release arrived at the office with a mini box of Frosties attached, the entire office stopped to wonder ... Could the latest computer tie-in be a Tony the Tiger game?

No, nothing so raunchy – the cereal (which incidently was eaten by C+VG's greedy gobblin' Ads manager, Garry Williams) was to announce that CRL has just acquired the rights to the Kellogs Tour Bike race which ran between August the 9th and 14th. The release date of the game is due to coincide with the race, so it should be on the shelves by now ...

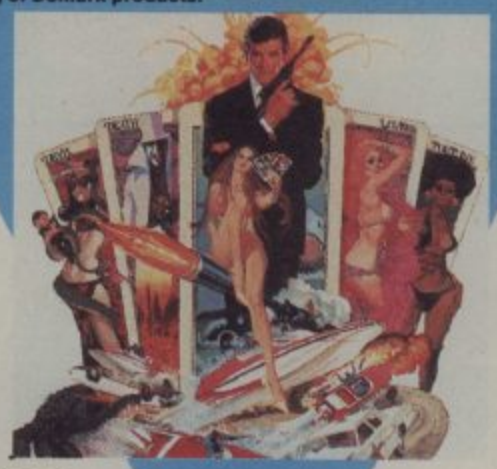
Tyne after Tyne



Tynesoft's *Summer Olympiad* enters the Olympic Games cash-in race with all versions ready for release in time for the events. Individual Olympic sports covered include fencing, diving, clay pigeon shooting, hurdles, triple jump and others, at £9.95/£14.95 C64, £19.95 ST/Amiga, and £24.95 PC.

Live and let Die

Elite's *Aquablast*, a 3D speedboat shoot 'em up is now to become *Live and Let Die*, and will appear on the Domark label. Elite is also taking over the marketing of Domark products.



Gilt edged Pepsi

Soft drinks mega-company, Pepsi, has climbed into bed with US Gold on a large-scale cross-markets promotions and sponsorship project for the UK. US Gold has plans to launch a compilation – which will include *World Class Leaderboard* and *Sidearms* – under the Pepsi slogan, *The Taste of America*. It'll only be available to buyers of a Pepsi 6-pack at a special price of £4.99.

Meanwhile, US Gold's conversion of the Sega arcade hit *Thunderblade* has been named Pepsi Challenge Game of The Year and will be played by contenders on a giant video wall at the PC Show in September. Apparently, this is only the start of a number of co-operative deals with Pepsi, which Pepsi say is "The ultimate weapon in the Cola wars". We at C+VG are wondering whether Coca Cola will respond to this challenge . .

Ten pounds of Chops

A new compilation on the Star Games label is Karate Ace, an assemblage of seven karate games. Highlights are Bruce Lee and Avenger; lowlights are Way of the Tiger and Samurai Trilogy. Others included in the pack are Kung-Fu Master, the Way of the Exploding Fist and Uchi Mata – which isn't really a karate game.

Still, there's not going to be many fightin' 'n' fumpin' fans who'll complain about that. The compilation is available for the C64, Spectrum and Amstrad and costs £9.99.

AMSTRAD TOP TEN

1	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
2	Yogi Bear – Alternative
3	ACE – Cascade
4	Air Wolf – Encore
5	Rocky Horror Show – Alternative
6	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Encore
7	Target Renegade – Imagine
8	Beach Buggy Sim – Firebird
9	Fruit Machine Sim – Code Masters
10	We Are The Champions – Ocean

New entries Rocky Horror Show and Target Renegade are in fact the only two new entries in the overall top fifty. Despite the fact that they sell fewer individual games, the ST value market share now exceeds that of the Amstrad.

SPECTRUM TOP TEN

1	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
2	European Five-a-side – Firebird
3	ACE – Cascade
4	Yogi Bear – Alternative
5	Rocky Horror Show – Alternative
6	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Encore
7	Air Wolf – Encore
8	Ghostbusters – Mastertronic
9	Target Renegade – Imagine
10	Beach Buggy Sim – Firebird

Speccy sales continue to fall, dropping now to 41.3%, lower than it's been all year. The Spectrum version of Footie Manager continues to be the best selling game on any format in the country.

C64 TOP TEN

1	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
2	ACE – Cascade
3	Yogi Bear – Alternative
4	European Five-a-side – Firebird
5	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Encore
6	Football Manager – Addictive
7	Rally Driver – Alternative
8	Target Renegade – Imagine
9	Steve Davis Sn. – Blue Ribbon
10	Samantha Fox Stp. Poker – React

Football manager follows its new sequel back into the top ten, as the C64 share of the market rises to its highest market share level in months.

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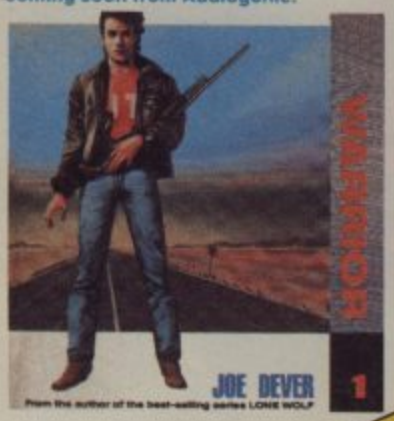
Forbidden fruit

Forbidden Planet, Britain's biggest comic and science fiction store chain, just celebrated its tenth anniversary by opening a new flagship store in London's New Oxford Street. C + VG were up at the opening bash in a shop that looked for all the world like a Virgin Megastore without the records, in the company of Willie Rushton, Adam "Batman" West and a host of Rocky Horror and Night of the Living Dead rejects. The old Forbidden Planet site will now become Murder One, the UK's first specialist crime and Mystery bookshop.

Comic collectors who live in Cambridgeshire will also be interested to know that Forbidden Planet has just opened a specialist SF/Fantasy comic shop in Cambridge.

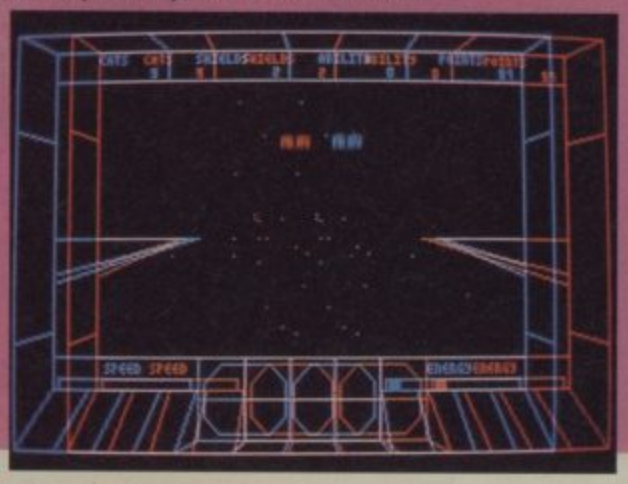
Freeway fever

From role playing gamesbook pioneer and C + VG pal Joe Dever comes Highway Holocaust, the first of a new, more adult series of fantasy adventures. Joe, creator of the very popular Lone Wolf series of sword and sorcery gamesbooks, now turns his skills to post-holocaust America in the next century, and a very Mad Max-inspired hero. Shotguns, biker gangs and Petrol explosions abound in this first "Freeway Warrior" adventure, and it's all great fun if you're into this sort of solitaire roleplaying. £2.50 from Beaver Books with more to follow, and look out for the Joe Dever/Lone Wolf computer game coming soon from Audiogenic.



It's a 3D Wander

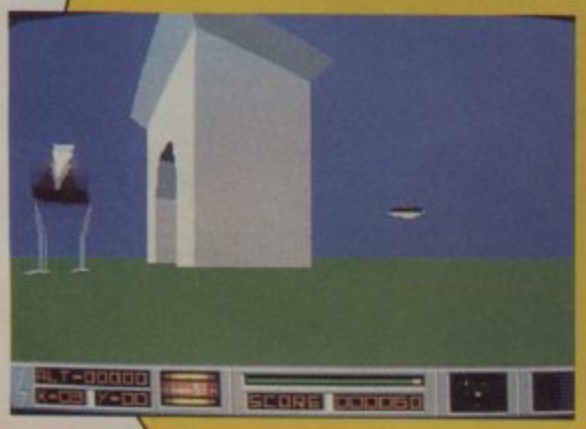
Wanderer, Elite's latest title is a 3D game which they describe as space poker. We don't yet give away 3D blue and red glasses with the mag – that's why the screen shot looks a bit funny – but glasses will be supplied with the game. Oh well, if you fancy a hand or two with a mysterious all-powerful alien, and want to look an idiot at the same time, look out for the game at the end of the month on ST and AMIGA at £19.99 and £24.99 respectively, and all 8-bit formats.



London calling

CRL has been busy lately, putting together a couple of games for the debut of their Actual Screenshots 16-bit label. *Siege of London* is a currently trendy filled-in vector graphics affair, based around the notion of an alien invasion of the capital. The screenshot shows no alien bird thing bouncing up and down next to Marble Arch, a sight you'll all be able to enjoy at the end of August on the Amiga at £24.95, with an ST version to follow.

Their other 16-bit release will be *I Ludicrous*, a comic Roman game that'll appear in late October/early November on the Amiga.



ATARI ST TOP TEN

1	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
2	Carrier Command – Rainbird
3	Dungeon Master – Mirrorsoft
4	P. Beardsley's F/B – Grand Slam
5	Gauntlet 2 – US Gold
6	Captain Blood – Infogrames
7	Out Run – Sega/US Gold
8	Bionic Commando – Go!
9	Fire and Forget – Titus
10	Ikari Warriors – Elite

Pete Beardsley and Fire and Forget are both new entries, and Ikari re-enters the chart. Carrier Command is pushed off the number one spot by Footie Manager 2.

ALL FORMATS COMBINED TOP TEN

1	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
2	ACE – Cascade
3	Yogi Bear – Alternative
4	Frank Bruno's Boxing – Encore
5	Air Wolf – Encore
6	Steve Davis Sn. – Blue Ribbon
7	European Five-a-side – Firebird
8	Rocky Horror Show – Alternative
9	Target Renegade – Imagine
10	Way of Exploding Fist – Mitronic

Football Manager 2 continues to dominate the chart, the Spectrum version just outselling the C64 which enters the chart at number two, if you were to think of each format as a separate game.

AMIGA TOP FIVE

1	Interceptor – Electronic Arts
2	AAARGH – Melbourne House
3	Buggy Boy – Elite
4	Fire and Forget – Titus
5	P. Beardsley's F/B – Grand Slam

The Amiga chart pretty closely echoes the ST chart, with the same new entries and 22 percent of the market in terms of value to the other 16-bit format.